

*Jurisdictional Homegoing Celebration
Honoring the Life of
Administrative Assistant
Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr.*

*Given From God's
Loving Hands
December 28, 1923*

*Returned Into God's
Loving Arms
July 12, 2007*



Friday, July 20, 2007 ~ 11:00am

*Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ
27689 Tyrrell Avenue
Hayward, California 94544*

Bishop J. W. Macklin, Pastor

Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Officiating

OBITUARY

Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr., was born December 28, 1923 in Houston, Texas. He was the son of the late Mother Leola E. Banks and Harvey Banks.

Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr., grew up in the Church at an early age; he accepted Christ and was filled with Holy Spirit.

He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High, a trumpet player in the School's marching band and an ardent sports enthusiast. After graduation, he was inducted into the United States Army and served his country proudly, through out the Pacific Islands. He was awarded several medals of Honor for distinguished service. He was most proud of his certificate in Clerical and Stenography Studies from the Central Base Command in Honolulu, Hawaii.

After his discharge, he met his soul mate, Miss Irma Johnetta Parter who preceded him in death in 1996 and to this union was born six daughters.

In 1950, Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr. felt a strong calling upon his life. He obeyed the voice of God and accepted his call to the Gospel Ministry. He was ordained in 1955 and his pastoral service began in 1975. In 1960, he purchased property, organized and built the St. John's Assembly Church of God in Christ, in Houston, Texas. Concurrently, he served as State Statistician and Financial Secretary for Texas South Central Jurisdiction. His steps were ordered by divine intervention in 1964 he moved with his family to Oakland, California. In 1965, he was appointed to pastor the Mt. Olive Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Bishop E. B. Stewart. The mortgage was liquidated in 1975 and the church was remodeled and renamed Greater True Light Church of God In Christ. Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr. organized the Bay Cities District and served as the Superintendent. Bishop B. R. Stewart, Northern California First Jurisdiction, appointed him State Executive Secretary.)

The years of 1981 – 1991, The late Bishop J.A. Blake appointed him to pastor the Faithful Church of God in Christ in Compton, California. His appointment to the office of State Treasurer was by the current Jurisdictional Leader, Bishop C. E. Blake.

Once again, God ordered the steps of his manservant. In 1992, the esteemed Prelate, Bishop W. W. Hamilton chose Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr. to shepherd the Emanuel Church of God in Christ, San Francisco, California. Also was appointed Superintendent and reorganized the Greater Emanuel District. He was favored again in January 2006, to be elevated to the anointed position of Administrative Assistant to Bishop W. W. Hamilton of California Northwest Jurisdiction the Church of God In Christ. He also served as Jurisdictional Treasurer from 1972 – 1982; he served on the National Level as Chief Registrar. 1983 – 2000, he served as Assistant General Secretary for the Church of God In Christ.

Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr., attended Prairie View College in Texas. He also pursued courses in business administration at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas. He was a licensed insurance underwriter for Golden State Mutual and Certified Life Insurance Company of California. In 2002, Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr., completed the course of study prescribed and earned the degree, Doctor of Divinity, from the American College of Theology, Minneapolis, MN.

June 6, 1998, Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr. married the lovely Missionary Rosa J. Dent, whom he affectionately called his "Georgia Peach," who worked diligently by his side until his death on July 12, 2007, the Lord whispered, "follow me," and his candle went out. To live in the hearts of those left behind is not to die.

Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr. was preceded in death by his loving parents; Ms. Leola Banks and Mr. Harvey Banks.

Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr., leaves to cherish his unforgettable memories his **Wife** Rosa J. Williams, **Seven beautiful Daughters:** France L. White, Ph.D. (Harley); Johnetta R. Dunn (Ronnie); Jo Wesslean Picou; Brucilla A. Williams-Johnson; Sherrye L. Turner; Rheda K. Williams; Beverly Dent-Powell; **Son:** Benjamin Dexter Dent; **Grandchildren:** Michael Bush; Ivan White; Kevin Picou; Brendene Picou; Felishyia Johnson; Mathew Johnson, Jr.; Demetria Skinner; Danielle Turner; Christinia Johnson; Stephanie Ford; Candance Jones; Kimberly Turner; Stacie Ford; Isaac Johnson; Robyn Turner; Aaron Johnson; Jovan Picou; Robert "B.J." Turner, Jr.; **Eighteen great-grandchildren**, many spiritual brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, numerous cousins, Emanuel Church Family, The Greater Emanuel District, California Northwest Jurisdiction, family and friends.

*Order of Homegoing Celebration
For*

Dr. John Wesley Williams, Jr.

Master of Ceremony ~ Elder Charles Bryant

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer Invocation

Elder Alexander Houston

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Elder Greg Espy

Elder Larry Lewis

Musical Rendition

Greater Emanuel District Choir

Expressions ~ Local Representatives (2 minutes, please)

Youth Department

Women's Department

Men's Department

Sister ToNeta Davis

Missionary Majoria Dickey

Deacon Eric Martin

Resolution

Local

District

Musical Rendition

Medley of Songs

Family and Friends

(10 minutes, please)

Acknowledgments and Condolences

Missionary Irma Helton

Expressions (2 minutes, please)

Local

District Missionary

Pastor

Mother Barnes, Junior Church Mother

Missionary Victorene Houston

Elder Larry Cotton

Sermonic Solo

Missionary Joyce Snead

The Spoken Word

Elder John C. Cox

Assistant District Superintendent

Recessional

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Master of Ceremony ~ Senior Administrative Assistant John A. Jennings

Organ Prelude (viewing)

The Processional

The Adjutants

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The Jurisdictional Bishop

The Administrative Assistant

The Superintendents

The Pastors

The Ministers

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The Family

Church Family

District Church Family

The Sealing of the Bier

Prayer of Comfort

Superintendent Samuel Bobo

Administrative Assistant

Selection

Jurisdiction Mass Choir

Elder Robert Lyons, Minister of Music

The Old Testament Scripture

Pastor D. Thomas

Executive Assistant

The New Testament Scripture

Pastor John Jackson

Chairman, Superintendents Board

Family and Friends Tribute of Love

Mildred Sullivan (Cousin)

Johnetta Dunn (Daughter)

Benjamin Dexter Dent (Son)

Overseer Superintendent Luther Dupree (Friend)

Dr. Oscar Benton (Friend)

Selection

Jurisdiction Mass Choir
Elder Robert Lyons, Minister of Music

Jurisdictional Tributes

Superintendents

Superintendent W.M. Peterson

District

Dr. John C. Cox

Pastors

Dr. E.J. O'Neal

Headquarters

Missionary Floyd Gilmore

Women's Department

Dr. Mary M. Welch

Selection

Jurisdiction Mass Choir
Elder Robert Lyons, Minister of Music

National Representation

Bishop Charles Brown
National C.E.O. of Church of God in Christ

Jurisdiction and National Resolutions

Missionary Carolyn Fryson
Executive Jurisdictional Secretary
Assistant General Secretary

Representing Ecumenical Expressions

Bishop J. C. Jenkins

Words of Comfort
and Introduction of the Bishop

Pastor G. E. Harris
Senior Administrative Assistant

The Sermonic Selection

Missionary Audrey Miles-Williams

The Eulogy

Bishop W. W. Hamilton
Prelate, California Northwest

The Recessional

Dear JJ,

Though you are not with me now you are an answer to my prayer. I asked the Lord to bless me with a husband and you became that blessing.

We got acquainted by telephone and also by photographs in May 1997. You came to Albany in July 1997 to see me, and in June 6, 1998 we were married. To God be The Glory!

I must say nine beautiful years of marriage that I will forever cherish.

You are my husband, my friend, my buddy, and without a doubt my joy and my unforgettable love.

You are a great, sincere and very considerate Pastor. Thank God! An anointed Teacher and Preacher you loved the Lord, The Emanuel Church Family, God's People and all people.

Your great sense of humor always made me happy.

I have so many wonderful and beautiful memories to cherish forever.

To my Bunch of Honey and my King!

*Always Yours,
Rosa*



Love Notes To My Father

Frances

"Dad, you are a giant; there was nothing you could not do. You are always the boss. Strong, yet gentle. You could turn tears into laughter. You are my hero; I love you and miss you. You will stay in my heart forever."

Johnetta

You gave a whole new meaning to the word improvise. Duck tape is now a staple in my home. Love you always.

Jo Wesslean

To the legend in my life; you make me so proud when you stand tall. Our wisdom, guidance, inspiration and prosperity have blessed me. You touch my heart daily in every way. Your spirit and love will shine daily. "Hanny", I will always love you.

Brucilla

Hey Dad, Goosie-Loosie here. When you would walk upon me unaware, I would jump; you would laugh and then say, "Stay alert kiddo, stay alive" . Dad, I am on alert and on my watch for the vision of the appointed time. Hab. 2:1-3. Your love I will keep near.

Sherrye

Dad, I am so honored and blessed to have such a wonderful, talented, comical, inspiring, holy ghost, spirit-filled, gentleman as yourself for a father. You have loved this daughter more than yourself and no words can express my love for you. I will see you again!

Rheda K

Dad, you always had a joke for me. You knew just when and how to brighten my sad times and make them glad. That's why you will always be my Hero!



Elder John W. Williams



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*Administrative Assistant
John Wesley Williams*

Pallbearers:

*Michael Bush
Eric Martin*

*Matthew Johnson, Jr.
Roy Palmer, Jr.*

*Ivan White
Isaac Johnson*

Honorary Pallbearers:

*Harley White, Sr.
Joseph Dancey, Jr.*

*Benjamin Dexter Dent
Ronnie Dunn
California Northwest Jurisdiction
Superintendents and Pastors*

*Robert Turner, Sr.
Kevin Picou*

Arrangements Entrusted to:

*McNary Morgan Greene Jackson Mortuary
3639 Telegraph
Oakland, California 94609
510-893-6614*

Interment:

*Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California 94803*

Acknowledgments:

We, the family of Dr. John Wesley Williams, would like to extend our thanks for your prayers, words of consolation, flowers, and the many kind acts, both seen and unseen, that sustained us throughout this time of grief and sorrow.

Thank God for your and may the Lord richly bless you.

The John Wesley Williams Family